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The report, which covers the period from 1 April to 6 May 1954, indicates that incoming military supply shipments, which amounted to about 2600 railroad cars, were on about the same level as during the preceding month. They were considerably higher than the 1952 and 1953 monthly average. Incoming shipments are broken down as follows:

ammunition	212 railroad cars
tanks	16 "
fuel	135 "
motor vehicles	168 "
small arms and equipment	124 "
engineer equipment	126 "
signal equipment	44 "
tank spare parts	237 "
motor vehicle spare parts	36 "
ration supplies	1323 "
clothing	33 "
air force equipment	18 "
other military supplies	118 "
total	2638 railroad cars

These shipments are commented on as follows:

Compared with the first three months in 1954 the volume of ammunition shipments decreased about 50 percent. It thus was at about the same monthly level as during the preceding years. The unusually large volume of fuel shipments which totaled about 3,000 cubic meters cannot be accounted for. A total of not more than 1,000 cubic meters a month has so far been observed arriving from the USSR. As the majority of the fuel shipments were bound for Velten, it can be assumed that the shipments were assigned to the air force.

The engineer equipment was sent in 3 trains, each of about 40 cars, each car carrying 1 factory-new truck with pontoon. These shipments could not definitely be confirmed, however. The volume of tank spare part shipments, which continued to be very high, requires clarification. The number of more than 1,300 railroad carloads of ration supplies is adequate for 25 days' requirement for all troops stationed in East Germany. The shipments of air force equipment included a train to Willerholz and a train to Ribnitz-Damgarten. The train to Ribnitz, according to the type of cars observed (300-ton and 1 Rhy-type flatcars), may have carried aircraft.

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